

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) due Mailed May 17, 2004. A request for continuing examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith. Claims 1-55 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1-18, 20, 22-26, 28-30, 32, 46 and 47. Independent claims 1, 29, 46, and 47 are allowed in the case. New claims 48-57 have been added. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions about this Amendment and to facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 referencing 19111.0042.

Respectfully submitted,

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